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John Miles with Cedars Charlie at Stroud Show

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President's Report

The Royal Easter Show was a huge success with record numbers of Shires being exhibited.

Jim Yates the English judge who Judged at the Royal commented later when he addressed all present at our General Meeting that the quality of the horses presented were of a very high standard.

Rob Vickery President of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW also spoke at the meeting and offered his help in supporting future classes if the numbers of entries kept increasing. Please try to support the Royal Easter Show as it is the largest gathering of Shires in Australia and attracts entries from Queensland and Victoria.

Max Marriott who is on our Shire Judges panel also spoke at the meeting and commented on his recent trip to Peterborough Show in the UK. We also had Sjaan Kuiper showing two videos. One was the recently recorded Creature Feature that featured Shires on the ABC and the other was a short film of our seminar in January. The meeting was followed by champagne and finger food and gave everyone an opportunity to exchange ideas and mingle with fellow members and breeders and make personal contact with Jim

Yates and Rob Vickery and our nine Australian Shire Judges, seven of whom who were present.

During show time Channel 7 News ran a two minute story about Shires in the evening news in relation to raising money for a Perpetual Memorial Trophy to be presented in honour of Kathryn McKay and Greg Hosa's enormous efforts in building support for Shires in Australia. There was tremendous response to that news coverage however we are still seeking to raise another \$1000.00 to complete this task.

Please contact Ineke Kuiper Secretary if you would like to contribute, no amount is too small. Thank you for continuing to support Shire Horse Society Australia Inc.

Helene Scarf

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SHSA Members **NEWS**

Walk, trot or Gallop through the **Sydney Running Festival for SHSA**

Sunday 17th September 2006

SHSA Committee members Helene Scarf, Ineke Kuiper and Amanda Taylor have decided to take part in the Sydney running festival to raise money for the Society.

The inaugural Shire Horse Team are looking for more members to take part or to raise money. Ineke

& Helene are running the 21.1km half marathon and Amanda, with her young son Kel, are running in the 4km family run. As you can see, there is something for everyone, so if you would like to take part, give one of us a call and we can sign you up to the team.

Stroud Show

Congratulations to member **John Miles** who won Supreme Champion at Stroud Show with his 6 month old weanling colt Mingara Bill & Mingara Charlotte in Reserve. John took 5 horses to the show and they all won their classes.

Also, congratulations to **Sandra Shoobridge** who placed 3rd with her Shire mare Madelleine.



John Miles & Mingara Bill

Shires at the Mt Kembla Heritage Festival

Saturday 29th July 2006-06-29

The SHSA is supporting the festival held in memory of the Mt Kembla Mine Disaster. Members are taking their horses to participate in the parade, and we will be running

some fundraising raffles on the day. There is plenty to see and do on the day, so come along – with or without your horse – and bring the family for a great day out!

Shires living the High Life

Yet MORE fantastic coverage for Shire Horses and the SHSA! This month's 'High Life' magazine featured a full 5 pages of Shire Horses, ranging from getting ready for show, to exhibiting at Sydney Royal. There are some fabulous photos so try to get your hands on a copy at your local Newsagency

(\$10). If you REALLY want to see it and you can't get one locally, contact a member of the committee and we can try to get one to you.

Special thanks go to Helene, Lizzy, Karen and Ineke for spending time with the photographer to get the great shots!

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Meet Your Committee....

This year, the tragedy in January has seen some significant changes to the SHSA committee. For those of you who do not know us, we thought we would introduce ourselves to you. Ed

Carina Gardiner

Committee



I'm a mother of 2, a veterinary nurse, I study at tech and I fell in love with my first heavy horse at the age of 8yrs.

My first heavy horse was a Black Clydey, then a bay, then my

ultimate dream horse the black Shire Gelding Laddie. I have had a couple of foals and am expecting another in September.

Im a bubbly, friendly, compassionate person, always looking through rose glasses trying to make the world a nicer place. Treating everyone as equals no matter what their financial or social standing is. I love BBQ's, all animals, drinks with friends, camping and of course horses.

Amanda Taylor Sub Committee



Hello! My name is Amanda Taylor and I am a Sub committee member of this great society.

I have been around heavy horses for about 10 years & have been showing for 9 years. I have two Clydesdales and plan on breeding a shire in the future. The enjoyment

Helene Scarf President

This is me (Helene Scarf) with Cedars Archibold at home in Kangaroo Valley.

The Cedars is Australia's first Shire Horse Stud since . (World War 1)The Shire breed had died out in Australia and Greg and I re-introduced the breed with the importation of Ladbroke Edward in 1981 from England. He was later followed by two fillies in 1984 then two mares in 1985.

Cedars Archibold was the first born on the stud from imported parents who were both registered in the U.K. Shire Stud Book. (sire:Ladbroke Edward and dam: Peplow Princess).

Ladbroke Edward fathered approximately 55 foals (25 registered in the U.K. Stud Book) all natural services at the Cedars and he is considered Australia's foundation stallion. He lived with me until his death in 2000 at the age of 20.

that I get from working and showing these horses is wonderful.

My working life has been based on heavy horses. I used to work for Pokolbin horse coaches, doing tours by horse and carriage around the wineries of the Hunter Valley.

For the last 12 months I have been working for Helene and Greg Scarf. They own a property in the beautiful Kangaroo Valley & breed Shire Horses & commercial cattle. I have been there for 18 months and love every minute of it!

It is a great privilege to be apart of this society

Cheers! Amanda



Along with my family I love and adore Shire horses and continue to breed and show them and have been doing so for 25 years. The horses have taught me a great deal about life and I am forever thankful for the pleasure of our horses company.



Anne Coull Committee

I have been 'into' heavy horses for a long time... and had the pleasure of being a shire custodian for years now. I still have the image in my head of this magnificent rear-end of a wonderful creature. It must have made an impression because I decided there and then that one day.....

I am looking forward to (very soon) riding and driving my very own equine mac-truck through the fields and along the trails that lead from my house into the nearby state forest.

Helen Kuiper Vice President

We had owned light horses for 15 years before we discovered the magnificent Shire Horse.

We purchased our first Shire in 1991, the imported mare Wishful Pearl. She had a foal the next year and so began our Ingleside Shire Horse Stud.

You never stop learning something new about horses and about breeding. I love to watch our horses, and to go out and talk to them and pat them – that's where I find the most pleasure. Watching foals being born, and then grow into mature horses is also very



satisfying, although occasionally they do break your heart.

We are a family run stud, each playing their part, both in running the stud and when we show the horses.

Sue Bailey Committee

Sue didn't send me a bio either, so here goes: Ed

Sue lives in Queensland and owns the Luscombe Shire Horse Stud. Here is Sue pictured with their stallion Luscombe What's Wanted.





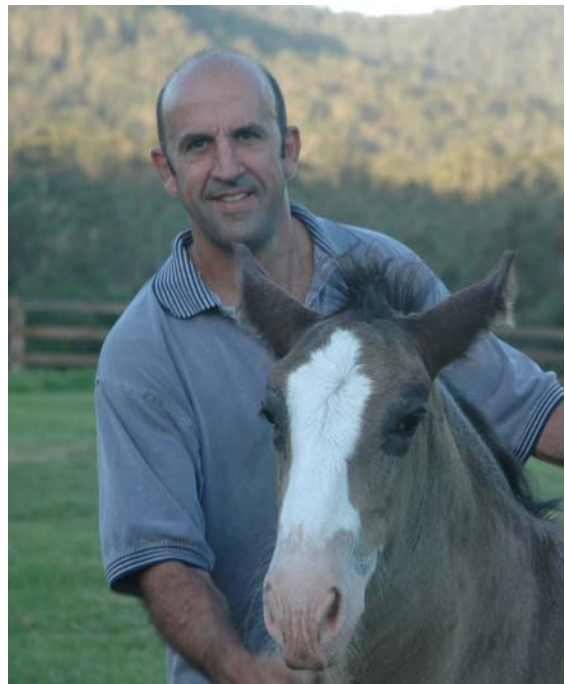
Ineke Kuiper Sec/Editor

I grew up riding horses, and discovered heavies almost 15 years ago. Along with my family, I started showing Clydesdales and Shires when I was 14 in breed classes and driving. Now we focus mostly on breeding Shires, but I still love to ride and drive.

I love being surrounded by our horses and I get great enjoyment from breeding foals and then going on to show them as they grow up. My favourite time of the year is going to Sydney Show where we get to catch up with all the great friends we have made over our years showing heavy horses.

Darren Somerville Treasurer
Darren didn't give me his bio, so here is what we know about him... Ed

Darren is Anne's husband and together they own Mana Shire Horse Stud. Here is Darren pictured with their first foal. Darren & Anne have both Shire's and Clydesdales and have started showing this year and already showing success. Look for their horses with the hot pink and purple plaits in the show ring!



NEWS FLASH

With thanks to lots of hard work & the support of our members we have now raised enough funds to purchase the silver Shire sculpture 'Trotting Out Proud' for our Memorial Trophy. We still have about

\$1,000 left to raise, so please keep you posted on our latest fund-raising activities. Help is always appreciated!

Castration

By Karim Kooros (B Vet Med)

Castration or gelding is the most common operation performed on horses around the world. The main reason for gelding male horses is for management purposes as entire horses can be very dangerous to handle and require special fencing etc. There are other reasons for castration including removing cancerous or damaged testes.

Colts are usually presented for castration at about 18 months to two years of age. But they can be done earlier.

Castration can be done either standing or under general anaesthesia, each method has its own merits.

Standing castration: Usually reserved for well-handled horses. The disadvantages to standing castration are mainly danger to surgeon and to lack of adequate exposure to the operation site.

Castration under General Anaesthetic: This is my preferred technique as it eliminates danger to the vet and allows very good exposure to the operation site. In this case a short acting anaesthetic is given and the surgery is performed. Older stallions are best done this way as adequate haemostasis can be achieved with the larger spermatic cords.

In both cases antibiotics are given post operatively as well as tetanus prophylaxis. .

Post operative care involves hosing and exercise twice daily to prevent excessive swelling of the scrotum and sheath, which is one of the main complications after surgery.

Other complications include excessive bleeding, eventration of the intestines and infections. These complications are fortunately quite rare.


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Sydney Royal Easter Show Wrap Up

It is still dark at 3am on Wednesday 12th April when Shire Horse exhibitors wake up the rest of Grace Pavillion as we struggle out of bed (or swag) and start to get our horses ready for the Shire classes later that morning. It is an experience that we look forward to all year.... and as we wash our horses in the dark, each of us separately wonder why we are here again and swear not to be crazy enough to do it next year.

Exhibiting at Sydney Royal is a unique experience – getting into the ring with all the bells and whistles involves early starts, late nights lots of washing, plaiting, polishing and the final race to get you and your horse into the ring on time. Oh – and did I mention stress? It is amazing just how much effort goes into getting you and your horse into the ring, each looking their absolute best in time for the first class at 9.30am.

The day kicked off with the 2 year old filly class and a surprise result of 6 month old 'Ingleside Symphony' taking 1st place over horses 12-24 months her senior. This was followed by another amazing result for colonial bred horses with Helene Scarf's 'Luscombe Joy' beating an imported filly to win Shire Filly, 3 years.

Then, there was the class everyone just HAD to see – Shire Stallion or Colt, Any Age. This class was hotly contested with 2 mature stallions, one 3 year old, a yearling and a foal. The class was won by the imported 5

year old 'Arclid Adonis'. In second place the other import – 3 year old 'Oakridge Speculator'. Surprise result – 6 month old 'Ingleside Flash Dance' placing over the fully UK bred yearling 'Southern Cross Spitfire'.

The Shire Mare 4years and over class was well supported by SHSA members exhibiting 4 out of the 5 entries. This class was won by the imported mare 'Gronant Beachgirl' who went on to win Best Shire, but the judge Mr Jim Yates later reported it was a close thing between her and the 2nd place Aussie bred 'Ingleside Elizabeth'.

The Gelding class was also full of SHSA members, but was won (again!) by the now 20 year old 'Cedars Archibald' famous for being Australia's tallest horse.

SHSA featured on Channel 7 News

After judging, we were lucky enough to have Channel 7 come down to Grace Pavillion and interview some SHSA members about our fundraising for a Memorial Trophy in honour of Kathryn and Greg.

This segment was great promotion for both the Shire Horse as well as our Society and helped to sell a lot of raffle tickets over the next few days!

Thank you Channel 7!

Congratulations to SHSA members the Collis's placing 3rd with 'Binnaway Bentley'. Worth a special mention is 4th place winner Anne Coull's 'Mana Excalibur' who at 3 years old is already a GIANT and looks in good form to take over from Archie as Australia's tallest horse some time in the future!

Finally – the Ridden Shire. Without doubt one of the most spectacular classes and the most popular to watch. Again this year it featured 2005 winner SHSA member Sam Weir riding 'Archie' side saddle. Very spectacular! Starting with 4 entires, unfortunately Amanda Taylor riding 'Cedars Blossum' was forced to withdraw during the class. Due to a later controversy involving safety

helmets, the 1st place exhibit was disqualified, leaving the 3 year old imported Stallion 'Oakridge Speculator' in 2nd and 'Archie' in 3rd.

After the classes we all headed up to the SHSA General Meeting. This was well supported with over 40 members in attendance as well as the Shire Horse judge Mr Jim Yates and his wife Sue from England. We were also lucky enough to have the Sydney Royal Clydesdale judge Mr Ian Stewart-Koster, who is a member of our judges panel, also at the meeting. With free drinks and nibbles as well as a visit from our (very busy) patron Mr Rob Vickery, the 'Post Show Party' went off & a great time was had by all.

Sydney Royal is Australia's biggest Shire Horse show and a great social event. Without a doubt it is the place to see the best horses, and the standard of presentation exceeds anything you will see at any other show in Australia. If you missed it this year, make sure you make the time to attend this fabulous event in 2007

Shire Results

Look for the success of SHSA Members featured in the results!

Class: 329 Shire Filly, 2yrs & Under

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| 1 | K & H & I Kuiper | Ingleside Symphony |
| 2 | Mrs H Scarf | Cedars Lady Aspen |
| 3 | Mr W Lambert | Wye Selene |
| 4 | R & N Ferguson | Southern Cross Athena |
| 5 | Mr R & J Hood | Muwarra Black Opal |



Ineke Kuiper & Ingleside Symphony



Cedars Aspen & Amanda Taylor

Class: 330 Shire Filly, 3yrs.

- 1 Mrs H Scarf Luscombe Joy
- 2 P & M Mc Keon Hillmoor Diamond Queen



Helene Scarf & Luscombe Joy

Class: 331 Shire Stallion Or Colt, Any Age.

- 1 Mr M Irvine Arclid Adonis
- 2 K & H & I Kuiper Oakridge Speculator
- 3 Mr M Creus Wyee Archer
- 4 K & H & I Kuiper Ingleside Flash Dance
- 5 P & M Mckeon Southern Cross Spitfire



***SUPER HELPER Kev Tyson
exhibiting Ingleside Flash Dance***



Oakridge Speculator



Gary Collis with Binnaway Wiskers & Amanda Taylor with Cedars Blossum

Class: 332 Shire Mare, 4yrs & Over.

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| 1 | P & M Mc Keon | Gronant Beachgirl |
| 2 | K & H & I Kuiper | Ingleside Elizabeth |
| 3 | K & H & I Kuiper | Ingleside Felicity |
| 4 | Mrs H Scarf | Cedars Blossum |
| 5 | G & T Collis | Binnaway Wiskers |



Class: S333 Best Shire

P & M Mc Keon Gronant Beachgirl

***Pictured Right – Ingleside Elizabeth
Pictured Below – Lineup of Mares***



Class: 334 Shire Gelding, Any Age

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| 1 | H & G Scarf | Cedars Archibald |
| 2 | Mrs R Ferguson Terrance | Southern Cross |
| 3 | Miss H Collis Bentley | Binnaway |
| 4 | Ms A Coull & Mana | Mana Excalibur |
| 5 | P & M Mckeon Mallee Boy | Southern Cross |



Cedars Archibald



Anne Coull & Mana Excalibur

This year's Sydney Show saw an amazing 22 horses presented for judging on the day as well as 4 entries in the Ridden Class. The SHSA Committee would like to thank everyone who exhibited and supported this premiere show. The standard of presentation was outstanding and a credit to all exhibitors. Congratulations!

Class: 335 Ridden Shire

- 1 DSQ
- 2 K & H & I Kuiper Oakridge Speculator
- 3 H & G Scarf Cedars Archibald
- DNF H & F Scarf Cedars Blossum



Spectacular Side Saddle – Sam Weir riding Cedars Archibald



Oakridge Speculator ridden by Ineke Kuiper

Of course it is not only in the Shire classes that SHSA members excel. Here is a list of just some of the successes of our members in other competitions...

- Colin & Karen Brown**
- 2nd Clydesdale Colt, 3yrs
 - 1st Clyde Brood Mare 4yrs & Over
 - 2nd Clydesdale Filly, 3yrs
 - 3rd Clydesdale Filly, 2yrs & Under
 - Res Chmp Clydesdale Mare Or Filly
 - 1st Group of 3 Clydesdales

- Anne Coull & Darren Somerville**
- 3rd Clyde Gelding, 3yrs And Under

- Tim & Julie Peel**
- 1st Clydesdale Filly, 3yrs
 - Champion Clydesdale Mare Or Filly
 - Supreme Champion Clydesdale
 - 3rd Clydesdale Gelding, Over 3yrs

- Bob Bale**
- 2nd Clyde Gelding, 3yrs And Under
 - 1st 2-Wheeled Bus Turnout, Heavy Horse
 - 1st Agricultural Implement

Mike Keogh & Liz Murphy

- with Coopers Brewery
1st Business/Delivery Vehicle On Parade
1st Clydesdale Gelding, Over 3yrs
2nd Clydesdale Gelding, Over 3yrs
1st 4-Wheeled Turnout Team 4
Chp Multiple Horse Business Turnout

Weir Family

- 2nd Breaking In Gig (Long Shaft)
2nd Novice Delivery Horse
2nd Light Delivery Horse

Oxenham Family

- 1st Clyde Stallion, 4yrs & Over
Chp Clydesdale Stallion Or Colt
5th Clydesdale Filly, 2yrs & Under
3rd Group of 3 Clydesdales

Stuart & Amanda Garland

- 4th Clydesdale Colt, 2yrs & Under
1st Clydes Dry Mare, 4yrs & Over
4th Clydesdale Gelding, Over 3yrs
2nd Group of 3 Clydesdales
3rd 4-Wheeled Turnout, Hvy Horse
2nd Heavy Delivery Horse

Graham Ware

- 5th 2-Wheeled Business Turnout, Light To Medium Horse
2nd Medium Delivery Horse
1st 4-Wheeled Turnout Team of 2 Light To Medium Horses
1st Four-Wheeled Turnout Team of 3 Horses

K H & I Kuiper

- 4th 4-Wheeled Turnout, Hvy Horse
6th Heavy Delivery Horse

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The Shire Horse Society Australia offers stud advertising for members only on our very successful website at a generous price. For just \$200 per year you can have a full page promoting your stud on the website with up to 5 photos on the page. We already experience many hits on the web site and get numerous enquiries. Please visit the website at www.shirehorsesociety.com.au to see for yourself. If you are interested in participating, contact our President, Helene Scarf for more information. (See committee contact list.)

Registrations

Shire Horse Society Australia is now

able to provide the DNA bags and the identification forms for the registration of foals with the Shire Horse Society in England. This saves members having to contact England for these items. If you require any of these, contact our Vice President, Helen Kuiper. (See committee contact list.)

Breeding Information

Did you know that the Shire Horse Society in England offers a service to members where you can request the pedigree of registered Shires and also a progeny list for registered Shire stallions? They will print it out and post it to you. For more information contact the Shire Horse Society.



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